

# REQUEST FOR ADMISSION TO UUH&C SECURED TB UNIT (STBU) or Admission under the **UDOH TB Contract** PROTOCOL

## Requesting Agency Responsibilities:

1. Requesting agency contacts Richard Kanner, MD to discuss case and request admission. If Kanner is not available (out of town, etc.), requesting agency contacts Wayne Samuelson, MD. If Samuelson is not available, call the on-call pulmonary inpatient fellow to discuss the case and request admission.

contact: 1<sup>st</sup> call: Richard Kanner, MD, 581-7806; pager 339-5592  
2<sup>nd</sup> call: Wayne Samuelson, MD 581-7498; pager 339-5587  
3<sup>rd</sup> call: **Pulmonary Consult Service on-call fellow** at 581-2121

**Patient will be admitted to the STBU under the Pulmonary Team unless the patient meets the STBU exclusion criteria. STBU admission exclusions: Any patient requiring blood transfusions, chemotherapy, oxygen  $\geq 5\text{L}/\text{min}$ , presents with confusion or delirium, sepsis or major organ failure, is medically unstable, needs IV push medications, telemetry or needs frequent monitoring or close supervision for any reason. Excluded patients are to be admitted to 4N, 6S or MICU, as medically indicated. ALL patients are to be admitted to the pulmonary service, regardless of admitting unit.**

2. Patient will be admitted either through the admitting office or directly to the STBU (6S, 4N pulmonary team or MICU, as determined between the admitting pulmonary physician and the requesting agency.

➔Patients are not to be sent to the Emergency Department or admitted through the Emergency Department, unless prior arrangements with admitting MD have been made and extenuating circumstances exist, eg, critical census, etc.

3. Contact Louise Eutropius, RN, Infection Control TB Coordinator at 585-3124 (Tuesday- Friday). On Mondays, contact Britt Brinton at 585-7334 (Monday-Thursday).

4. **Authorization for Funding**

➔Rule-out TB and TB patients must have funding for their admission authorized by the UDOH TB Program. Requesting agency must contact Cristie Chesler (or designee) for authorization to admit a TB or rule-out TB to the STBU or other inpatient TB unit as indicated. UDOH will pay for admit as payer of last resort; **ONLY** TB-related charges are eligible.

Contact: Cristie Chesler, (M-TH) 538-9465; Fri/after-hours or weekends 971-2866  
After-hours or weekends @ 888-EPI-UTAH

Contact: Inform local health department of r/o TB case admission  
June Oliverson or Kyle Cannon @ SLVHD 534-4600; after-hours weekends@ 580-8597

## Admitting MD Responsibilities:

1. Admitting pulmonary physician (or designee) is responsible for admission request to the STBU or non-STBU patient care unit, if medically indicated (eg, "Request for Medical/Surgical Services" through the Admitting Office).

## Admitting Office Responsibilities:

1. Admitting office (or designee) contacts 5W Charge Nurse to notify of pending admission.
2. UDOH TBC funded patients have bed priority in the STBU.
3. University Health Care (UHC) must determine eligibility for alternate funding sources once patient admitted under UDOH TBC contract- UDOH is payer of last resort and will not pay unless UHC demonstrates no other payer source available.

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## Hospital Epidemiology Responsibilities:

1. Ensure UDOH and SLVHD (or appropriate local health department) aware of admission.
2. Case manage all UDOH TBC-contracted patients.